

Editorial

A big RBO

This issue of RBO that you are starting to read is the biggest ever: it brings 20 studies that had been waiting for publication for almost one year, after the entire process of evaluation by the editors, corrections made by the authors and final approval.

I began my mandate as editor-in-chief in 2009, with the guidance that six issues should be produced every year, containing at least 60 original articles per year. This schedule resulted from a meeting of the Editorial Board that took place during the CBOT in Porto Alegre, and from a meeting with SciELO, our indexation system. At the CBOT in Rio de Janeiro, we decided to maintain the current six issues per year and increase the number of studies per issue.

At this moment, a large number of studies are awaiting publication and, from the flow that we have been receiving, we will probably have to increase the number of studies per issue and perhaps the number of issues of the journal per year.

The quality of the studies has not been affected, since we have maintained the rejection rate at around 20% and we have not received any negative comments from our almost 8,000 readers.

New forms of publication are being added to the RBO, such as the Consensus that the Sports Medicine Committee published in the last issue and the Pediatric Orthopedics Supplement that is being organized by the Committee. The English-language version is now being published as part of the electronic form of the RBO and can be accessed through the website www.rbo.org.br. We are awaiting assessments from ISI and Medline in order to obtain the impact factor and indexation at international level.

This growth mirrors the evolution of Brazilian Orthopedics that has already been manifested in our congresses and in our examination for the title of specialist.

We would not have had this growth if it were not for the evolution in accredited services, our authors' efforts and the editors' attention, along with support from the board, which has met all our needs.

Today, the studies published have a wide diversity of origins, without absolute predominance of university-based services like there was in the past:

- We frequently receive very well structured studies from new authors;
- Although there are greater concentrations of studies within some fields, there is a great variety of specialists seeking to publish their studies;
- Original studies form the largest category submitted, but the studies received present great variety, including case reports, technical notes and review studies.

Lastly, as we commemorate this issue with 20 studies, we are preparing ourselves to continue to grow and become a big RBO, since this is our destiny as part of the SBOT.

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